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Dear Colonel Edwards:

In accordance with a request from the Attorney General of the United States, this Office is undertaking a review of policies relating to the disclosure of U. S. classified (non-military) information to foreign governments. The Attorney General has asked the Secretary of State to act as the coordinator of this review with all agencies concerned. Specifically, information is desired as to whether recipient governments are providing adequate protection for such U. S. classified (non-military) information as is released to them.

The largest percentage of non-military classified material released to foreign governments is, of course, made available by the Department of State. Formal security protective agreements have been negotiated by the Department with principal foreign governments for this purpose and are drawn in sufficiently broad terms to include all elements of the U. S. Government affected.

With regard to the release of classified information by your agency to foreign governments,

- 1) Is cognizance taken of the 1958 Presidential Directive on this subject, which was addressed to the heads of all federal agencies; and are procedures in effect to ensure compliance with the President's Directive?
- 2) Is your agency aware of any instance in which released information has been compromised or has not been properly protected by recipient governments?

Your response to these questions will be very much appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

John F. Reilly
Deputy Assistant Secretary
for Security

Colonel Sheffield T. Edwards, Director Office of Security,
Central Intelligence Agency,
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